REMARKS

In an Office Action mailed October 25, 2004, the Examiner noted that three references cited on an Information Disclosure Statement filed July 12, 2004 had not been considered. In response, Applicants filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on November 29, 2004 to address the noted discrepancies. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and initial the Form PTO-1449 submitted therewith. In addition, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the Second Supplemental Disclosure Statement filed herewith.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 103, 108, 113, 127 and 128 under 35 USC 112(2) as being indefinite. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's statement that claims 102, 109-112 and 115-126 are allowed, and that the remaining claims would be allowed if the indefiniteness rejections were overcome. In response, and without admitting that the claims were indefinite, Applicants have amended claims 103, 108, 113, 127 and 128, together with claims 104, 107, 114, 117, 119, 124 and 126, to clarify the antecedent basis for various terms and to correct a grammatical error noted by the Examiner. None of these amendments has narrowed the scope of the respective claims, but has merely clarified the language thereof. In addition, Applicants have broadened claims 125 and 126 by amending them to depend from claim 117, rather than claim 118. Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If for any reason this application is not considered to be in condition for allowance and an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4713.

Respectfully Submitted,

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